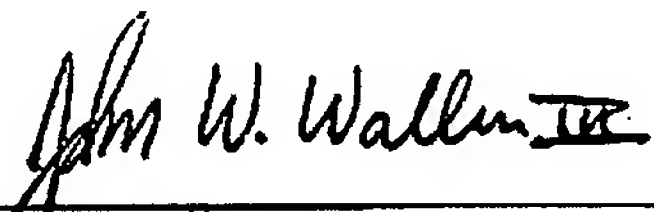


REMARKS

Claims 1-83 are currently pending. The Examiner has required restriction. Applicant hereby elects Group II, drawn to an isolated nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide that encodes a 4HB polypeptide, a host cell comprising said nucleic acid, and a method of making a 4HB polypeptide recombinantly, which corresponds to claims 44, 45 and 59-61 for prosecution. The Examiner has required an election of species. Applicant hereby elects the amber, ochre, and opal codons as the selector codon. Accordingly, Applicant hereby withdraws claims 1-43, 46-58 and 62-83 and retains the right to present these claims in one or more divisional applications.

Although it is believed that no fee is due with this submission, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3417.

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